

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS:

DESPITE TOUGH ECONOMY, PROJECTS ADVANCE IN FIFTH DISTRICT

On April 15th, the County Executive presented his Fiscal Year 2014 budget proposal to the County Council. I am pleased that the budget request does not seek an increase in property or income taxes. I am also happy that the budget funds projects for which I have advocated for, from Towson to Perry Hall.

In **Perry Hall**, the budget includes \$5.7 million to complete Gough Park at Honeygo Boulevard and Joppa Road. This 17-acre property was purchased by Baltimore County in 2000, but has remained undeveloped due to lack of funding. Thanks to a \$1.5 million contribution from the Perry Hall Recreation Council, the county will proceed with improvements to the park and construction of a gymnasium. This will be the first new park to open in the Fifth District in about a decade.



The future Gough Park.

The county will also complete a new trail at Indian Rock Park, the 16-acre wooded area west of Perry Hall High School. I have long advocated for this trail in order to make

the park more accessible to walkers and bikers. Once completed the trail will provide a pathway from Ebenezer Road to the neighborhoods near Silver Spring Road. The county will also improve the lighting at the Perry Hall Elementary School athletic fields.

In **Carney**, plans are moving ahead to reconstruct the congested intersection at Harford and Joppa Roads. The improvements include a new westbound lane near the Carney Village Shopping Center on Joppa Road, and a new southbound lane will be created along Harford Road.



Dumbarton Middle School.

In **Towson**, the budget allocates \$18.8 million for improvements at Dumbarton Middle School. With the Dumbarton Middle School announcement, improvements have advanced at several schools in the immediate Towson area, including Stoneleigh and Hampton Elementary Schools.

For more details, visit the following Web Site:
<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/budfin>

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TOWSON

Towsontown Festival Planned for May 4 and 5

The Towson Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Towsontown Festival on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Downtown Towson. Go to this link for information on the festival and Towson Gardens Day:

<http://www.towsontownspringfestival.com>

ACTC Sponsors Second Annual Race

The Assistance Center of Towson Churches will sponsor its Second Annual 5K Run/1.5 Mile Walk on Saturday, June 1 at 8 a.m. at Goucher College. For details, visit <http://www.actconline.info/Events.html>. Also, many thanks to the Towson Rotary Foundation for its \$50,000 donation to expand ACTC's facility, which has served needy individuals since 1985.

Patient First to Break Ground

Patient First will break ground on its Towson location, which will be located at the site of the Towson WashMobile in the 900 block of York Road. This not only brings a new medical clinic to the immediate Towson area, but it continues to clean up the York Road corridor in northern Towson.

\$60 Million Project Proposed for Towson Triangle

DMS Development has proposed a \$60 million development along the 100 block of York Road, north of Starbucks Coffee in the Towson Triangle. In 2011, Councilman Marks formed a committee to evaluate any future plans for the Towson Triangle, which is bordered by York Road, Towsontown Boulevard, and Burke Avenue. For more details, visit here: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/towson/ph-tt-towson-triangle-0424-20130423,0,1801160.story>

Free Legal Clinic Offers Advice to Residents

The Baltimore County Bar Association and Legal Aid Bureau will sponsor a free legal clinic on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Towson Elks Lodge, 4 West Pennsylvania Avenue, in Downtown Towson. Participants can meet one-on-one for a brief consultation with a volunteer attorney on a variety of legal issues, including housing, veterans' issues, consumer debt, wills, and elder law. Please bring any relevant documents with you. This free event is open to all and no registration is required.

PERRY HALL

Planting Begins at Community Garden

Thanks to a donation from Chapel Hills Farm and Nursery, planting has started at the Perry Hall Community Garden, which is located next to Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan at Baker Lane and Belair Road. Chapel Hills Farm and Nursery donated 27 bags of mulch. Email perryhcommunitygarden@gmail.com or like the page on Facebook, which can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/PerryHallCommunityGarden>.

Petition Filed for Residential Parking Program

Homeowners at Perryvale Road and Jacinth Way have petitioned for a residential parking program, which would restrict parking during school hours in the area opposite Perry Hall High School. Every homeowner within the affected area supports permitting, which would potentially induce students to park on the high school campus where there are available spaces.

Perry Hall/White Marsh Association Hosts Fair

The Perry Hall/White Marsh Business Association will host its town fair on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Crossroads Village Center on White Marsh Boulevard. Visit <http://www.thetownfair.net> for more details.